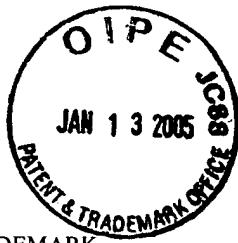


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER ACCOMPANYING
REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Final Office Action (8 pgs.) in the above-captioned application.

Small entity status of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27 has been established.

It is believed that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 [fees: 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) - (d)] for the total number of month(s) checked below:

<u>Extension Months(s)</u>	<u>Fee For Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee For Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Month	\$120.00	\$ 60.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Months	\$450.00	\$225.00
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A Terminal Disclaimer Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b) and (c) is enclosed.

An Assignment (pgs.) is enclosed.

Assignment Cover Sheet (1 pg.)

An Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 (pgs.) is enclosed.

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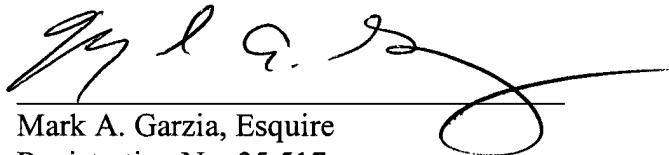
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Respectfully submitted,

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